

## AGRICULTURAL

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Sheep Washing and Shearing.

By some farmers, this important work is performed to thoroughly. There is too little regard for the season—for the condition of the fleece. If you wash your sheep, do it carefully and rapidly. We have seen men wash sheep who seemed more brutal than the brutes. It is less exhausting to the washer to treat the animal carefully, and less danger to the sheep is incurred. It is regarded by some as sport to wash sheep, but whether pastime or not, nothing should be done to frighten the sheep. A good husbandman will have his flock tame, and use all possible precautions so keep it so. Good farmers divide and subdivide their pastures for their sheep. They should go away from the washing to a fresh clean pasture. The weather will effect the length of time they shall remain long enough to allow the fleece to become dry, and the new wool to penetrate through it.—This is important, as it adds to the weight and appearance of the wool. Most farmers shear from the 10th to the last of May. This depends upon the season of course, and in very many instances that have come under our notice, from the 5th to the 15th of June would be better for the sheep and the fleece.

We may as well say here, that had we 40 or 1900 sheep, they sh'd never be taken to the water. If sheep are well cared for in winter and are frequently changed from one pasture to another, and the dirty portions of the fleece about the hind parts carefully clipped and excluded from the fleece, the wool neatly taken off and as neatly tied up, there are few wool buyers who would demand a heavy tax. There might and should be established by mutual consent, rates of tare, with reference to the abandonment of this unnatural and inhuman practice. It is an injury to the sheep and no benefit to the wool for manufacturing purposes; it scarcely lessens the cost of preparing it for use by the manufacturer, and is only a heavy and unnecessary tax upon the wool grower and his flocks. We never have seen a single good or valid argument in its favor. We have the best evidence that it is an injury.

There are some sheep shearers—reputed such—who never ought to handle a sheep, at least never ought to apply the shears to one. Witness the numerous blots made in the skin with their shears. We know an occasional cut is unavoidable, because of the restlessness of the animal. But the skillful and good sheep shearers seldom cuts a sheep. It is torture, which humanity alone in the man ought to guard him against. It is a bad practice among farmers to hire a man to shear sheep at a certain rate per head. Better pay more, and have the fleece kept clean and off well. The manner in which it is taken off will affect the next crop or fleece. Neither the fleece or the skin sh'd be "haggled up." The fleece sh'd be taken off closely and evenly.—There should be great care taken in tying it up. It should be rolled compactly with the outside of the fleece inside, and plenty of good strong twine should be used in the tying. Every wool grower knows the value of twine, and the profit of using it in tying the fleece. After shearing, turn your flocks where they may obtain shelter from the cold rains, if possible.

A HORTICULTURIST in Lafayette, Ind., advertised that he would supply all sorts of trees and plants, especially "pie plants of all kinds." A gentleman thereupon sent him an order for "one package of custard pie seed, and a few dozen of mince pie plants." The gardener promptly filled the order by sending him four goose eggs and a small dog.

On ordinary farms, by ordinary farmers, there is quite as much valuable manure wasted as used. Much that is called manure has lost its valuable constituents long before it is brought within reach of the plant.

Bend your gates so that they will swing clear of the ground. It is easy to do it, and much better because it indicates thrift.

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

### MORTGAGE SALE.

WHEREAS default has been made in the payment of certain sums of money, the payment of which was secured by an indenture of mortgage, dated the first day of June, 1855, executed by William Ihing and Charlotte Ihing, his wife, of Porter Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, to John Smith of Antwerp Township, County and State aforesaid, on the land and premises hereinafter described, which mortgage was duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Van Buren County, Michigan, on the ninth day of August, A. D. 1855, as one o'clock, P. M. in Liber F. of Mortgages on page 12, upon which day, and the date aforesaid, it was duly assigned by said John Smith to Lewis H. Wellin, by assignment dated July 23, 1857, and recorded in the Registers office aforesaid on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1858, at five o'clock, P. M., in Liber G. of Mortgages, on page 22, upon which mortgage the date aforesaid, it was duly assigned by said John Smith to Lewis H. 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